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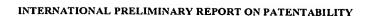
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2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Document 1: EP 1195397 A1 (JSR Corporation), 10 April 2002

Claims 1 and 3 to 5

The invention set forth in claims 1 and 3 to 5 lacks novelty in the light of document 1 cited in the international search report.

Document 1 cited in the international search report indicates that a film or sheet, obtained by molding a composition containing a cyclic olefin addition copolymer having specific recurring units and a compound which acts as an acid when heated to a temperature of 50°C or higher, is heated by steam vapor having a temperature falling within the range of 50 to 300°C.

Claim 8

The invention set forth in claim 8 does not involve an inventive step in the light of document 1 cited in the international search report.

It would be easy for a person skilled in the art to compare the pressure applied when processing the film or sheet set forth in document 1 with superheated steam, and to specify a range of 0.001 to 0.5MPa.